

Kincardine United Church

Celtic Service, 7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 7th, 2024 11:00 a.m.

Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.

*An asterisk in the bulletin indicates you may rise in body or spirit.

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PRELUDE

Scotland the Brave.

Rowan Tree. Wings.

Traditional

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Jesus calls us into the world to love one another as we are loved by God.

As we came to this land,

First Nations peoples welcomed us, sustained us and taught us.

We did not hear them when they shared their vision.

In our zeal to tell them the good news of Jesus Christ,

we were closed to the value of their spirituality.

We confused Western ways and culture

with the depth, breadth, length and height of the gospel of Christ.

We imposed our civilization as a condition of accepting the gospel.

As a result, the image of the Creator in us is twisted, blurred,

and we are not what we are meant by God to be.

In our journey toward reconciliation, we acknowledge, this day,

that we gather for worship

on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway,

as well as the other indigenous peoples who preceded them –

the original nations of this land – and we acknowledge, with respect,

their history, their spirituality, and their culture.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT

Highland Cathedral

Traditional

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

(used with permission from "The Pattern of Our Days: Worship in the Celtic Tradition from the Iona Community" edited by Kathy Galloway, pp. 92-93)

Come, God.

Come and walk with your people, for you alone are our strength and glory,

and we put our trust in you.

Come, God. Come and walk behind us, beside us, before us,
for you alone are our shelter and direction,

and we put our trust in you.

Come God. Come, seek and find and put us right,
for you alone are the light for our travelling,

and we put our trust in you.

Come, God. We know you are near.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

(used with permission from "Sacred Earth Scared Soul: Celtic Wisdom for Reawakening to what Our Souls Know and Healing the World" by John Philip Newell, page 259)

Let us encounter God within our soul as we pray:

Awake, O my soul, to the flow of the divine deep within you.

Awake to it in every creature, in every woman, in every man.

It is our river of resurrection, the promise of new beginnings.

Awake, O my soul, to the flow of the divine deep within you.

(a time of silent listening to the sacredness within your being)

Awake, O my soul, awake. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 574** Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love

SHARING TIME Simon Says

LORD'S PRAYER

A version of the Lord's Prayer based on Luke 11:2-5 written by John Philip Newell:

Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the universe.

May we know your presence here, seeking your will upon earth.

Grant all your creatures food for today and strength for our families.

Pardon our falseness as we forgive those who are untrue to us.

Do not forsake us in our need but lead us to new birth.

For the glory of life and the light of life, are yours forever. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Mark 6:1-6 from *The Message*

1-2 He left there and returned to his hometown. His disciples came along. On the Sabbath, he gave a lecture in the meeting place. He stole the show, impressing everyone. "We had no idea he was this good!" they said. "How did he get so wise all of a sudden, get such ability?"

3 But in the next breath they were cutting him down: "He's just a carpenter—Mary's boy. We've known him since he was a kid. We know his brothers, James, Justus, Jude, and Simon, and his sisters. Who does he think he is?" They tripped over what little they knew about him and fell, sprawling. And they never got any further.

4-6 Jesus told them, "A prophet has little honor in his hometown, among his relatives, on the streets he played in as a child." Jesus wasn't able to do much of anything there—he laid hands on a few sick people and healed them, that's all. He couldn't get over their stubbornness. He left and made a circuit of the other villages, teaching.

***VOICES UNITED 357** Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

BIBLE READING Mark 6:7-13 from *The Message*

7-8 Jesus called the Twelve to him, and sent them out in pairs. He gave them authority and power to deal with the evil opposition. He sent them off with these instructions:

8-9 "Don't think you need a lot of extra equipment for this. *You* are the equipment. No special appeals for funds. Keep it simple.

10 "And no luxury inns. Get a modest place and be content there until you leave.

11 "If you're not welcomed, not listened to, quietly withdraw. Don't make a scene. Shrug your shoulders and be on your way."

12-13 Then they were on the road. They preached with joyful urgency that life can be radically different; right and left they sent the demons packing; they brought wellness to the sick, anointing their bodies, healing their spirits.

DOXOLOGY 236 VU (verse 3) "Now Thank We All Our God"

**All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given,
the Son and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

PRAYER BEFORE REFLECTION

REFLECTION "Puff the Magic Dragon"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

(adapted from Iona Abbey Worship Book, pages 61-63, used with permission)

O Christ, we bow before you in this shelter-house of prayer once more
to give thanks.

Together we gather, celebrating your presence in creation around us,
in the flowing air, in the fertile earth,
and in the swift-running rip-tides of Station Beach.

Together we gather, glad of these strong walls which have given refuge
to the broken and the poor through the past 173 years,
aware of the countless prayers of joy and of suffering
that have been uttered in this place.

O Christ, you have inspired the journeying of your people from many places
to this sanctuary of light.

Grace us with your continued presence
and inspire us to be a people of hospitality.

(Silent prayer)

Christ, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O Jesus, you sat at table with the betrayed and rejected of Palestine.

We pray for those today who do not feel welcomed in their daily lives,
especially those who are black, Indigenous or people of colour,
or those who suffer because of Islamophobia or antisemitism,
or those who are Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ and fight discrimination each day,
or those who encounter hate in all its forms.

(Silent prayer)

Christ, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O Jesus, you identified with the naked
and with those who had no place to lay their heads.

We pray for the thousands of homeless people, old and young,
in cities, or in towns like Kincardine, or spread across the countryside.

(Silent prayer)

Christ, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O Jesus, you belonged to a refugee family.

We pray for the hundreds of millions of displaced people in our world –
especially newcomer families supported through the Kincardine Refugee Committee
along with Ukrainians seeking safety from war here and throughout Canada –
all possible through the generous opening of our borders to the nationless.

(Silent prayer)

Christ, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O Jesus, you cared for your companions,
and for the little ones who surrounded you.

We pray for the people for whom God has given us a special care,
especially those of us living with mental and physical illness,
those living with chronic illness or injury,
and those of us walking through the valley of the shadow of death.

(Silent prayer)

Christ, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O Jesus, you prayed that we might be one as you and the Father are one.

We pray that during this week we may feel at home with one another,
bridging the seeming chasms of misunderstanding and misinformation.

(Silent prayer)

Christ, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Through our prayers and in our living, we pray in word and in action:

We saw a stranger yesterday:

**we put food in the eating place,
drink in the drinking place,**

**music in the listening place,
and, in your sacred name, Triune God, you bless us and our house.**

As the lark says in her song:

often, often, often goes Christ in the stranger's guise.

Amen.

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OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(used with permission from "A Celtic Psalter" compiled by David Adam p. 103)

Christ in the lowly and meek, Christ in the all powerful,

be in the heart of each to whom I speak,

in the mouth of each who speaks to me,

in all who draw near me, or see me, or hear me,

that in my giving I may be a blessing to each as you have blessed me.

Amen.

***KNOWN UNKNOWNNS 57** The Web of Love Tune: #213 *Voices United*

- 1. Of all that we enjoy in harmony with heaven,
of all our hearts desire, of all received and given,
we cherish most the web God wove of costly and inclusive love.**
- 2. Such diverse threads combine in woman and in man:
Ruth pledged to Naomi, David to Jonathan;
John laid his head on Jesus' breast whose feet a woman's tears caressed.**
- 3. And Paul, with special care, chose poetry o'er prose
to celebrate how love affirms, endures and grows,
believes the best, embraces pain, survives through death to rise again.**
- 4. God, make all Christians bold to live and love by grace,
and nurture deep affection in this holy place.
Help all believers to be true to how you made them and to you.**

BLESSING *(Based on the Celtic Carmina Gadelica, III, page 231, used with permission)*

Embraced by the wildness of God:

Power of the storm be thine,

Power of the moon be thine,

Power of the sun,

Power of the sea be thine,

Power of the land be thine,

Power of heaven.

We go empowered by the wild Spirit's movement:

the authenticity that confers authority,

the vulnerability that opens our hearts,

**the loving relationships that strengthen us,
the unexpected blessings that enliven us,
the unity in the risen Christ that names us.**

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT 161 MV (verse 4)

“I Have Called You by Your Name”

I have given you a name, it is mine;

I have given you my Spirit as a sign.

**With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.**

POSTLUDE

The Green Hills and When the Battle Is Over

Traditional